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Memorandum

TO: Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

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RE: 2005-06 Legislative Session Wrap-up

Transportation's biggest victories this past session were the placement of Proposition 1A (the Prop 42 "fix") and Proposition 1B (the transportation bond) on the November ballot. Arguably the most significant piece of legislation on the Governor's desk right now is AB 32 (Nuñez), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The bill, which Governor Schwarzenegger is expected to sign shortly, requires the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt regulations to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The Governor has until the end of September to sign or veto bills on his desk. Key transportation-related bills on his desk include the following:

AB 521 (Runner) – *Public-Private Partnerships*

This bill modifies the provisions of AB 1467 (Nuñez), passed earlier this year, that authorize four transportation-related public-private partnerships statewide. The bill gives the Legislature 60 days to act upon negotiated lease agreements submitted for review. An agreement would be approved unless both houses concur in the passage of a resolution rejecting the agreement.

AB 1407 (Lieber) – *Regional Measure 2 (RM2) & Clean Air Vehicle Program Cleanup*

This bill, which MTC sponsored, makes technical cleanup to the Clean Air Vehicle Program, modifies provisions of the Regional Rail study, and gives MTC the ability to swap RM2 funds if project savings are realized.

AB 2444 (Klehs) – *County/ Regional Vehicle Registration Fee*

This bill authorizes congestion management agencies (CMAs) in the Bay area to impose a \$5 vehicle registration fee for transportation improvements if approved by a 2/3 vote of the CMA board and further authorizes the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to impose a \$5 vehicle registration fee for air and water-related mitigation.

AB 2538 (Wolk) – *Project Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) Funding*

This bill would give counties statewide up to 5 percent of their STIP county share to use for PPM purposes, rather than the current 1 percent cap for large counties.

AB 2600 (Lieu) – *Clean Air Vehicle Program*

Extends the sunset for the hybrid/electric Clean Air Vehicle Program from 2008 to 2011 and increases the number of decals permitted to 85,000.